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This is in response to the last Office Action of 08/13/2003 concerning our patent application #09/973,459. The applicants have complied with the Office Summary Action and have amended the claims of the original application requested by the examiner.

The requested reference cited article attached with the one patent included was taken into account.

The currently amended and presented claims start on a separate sheet of paper and replace the old claims submitted with the original application.

The applicants are looking forward to the issuance of this patent by the Patent Office.

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